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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MR. HERRINGER, ADMINISTRATOR, URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

REF: STATE 157334

1. LACARRIERE OF TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAS SUGGESTED FOLLOWING
PROGRAM FOR HERRINGER VISIT:

AUGUST 24

10:30 AM--WORKING MEETING AT TRANSPORT MINISTRY. (ATTENDING ON
FRENCH SIDE WILL BE FELIX, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION, AND GIBLIN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PASSENGER
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.)

1 PM--LUNCHEON OFFERED BY RATP (PARIS RAPID TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION).
LUNCHEON EXPECTED TO BE HOSTED BY EITHER BELIN, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
OF DIRECTORS OF RATP, OR GIRAUDET, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RATP.
AFTERNOON -- VISIT OF PARIS SUBWAY SYSTEM AND SOME POINTS ON
BUT NETWORK, IN COMPANY OF RATP OFFICIALS.

EVENING--FREE.

AUGUST 25 AND 26--FREE.

AUGUST 27

9:15 AM--VISIT NEW RER SUBWAY LINE (REGIONAL RAPID TRANSIT):
INSPECTION OF AUBER, ETOILE AND DEFENSE STATIONS.

10:30 AM--VISIT LA DEFENSE COMPLEX AND MEET WITH OFFICIALS
IN CHARGE. RECEIVED BY MILLIER, PRESIDENT OF ETABLISSEMENT
PUBLIQUE POUR L'AMENAGEMENT DE LA DEFENSE.

12:30 PM--LUNCHEON HOSTED BY BERTIN, PRESIDENT OF AEROTRAIN CORP.,
FOLLOWED BY HOUR'S BRIEFING WITH AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION RE
AEROTRAIN. (NOTE: AEROTRAIN OFFICES ARE AT LA DEFENSE.)

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4 PM--VISIT HIGH-SPEED AEROTRAIN ON STATIC DISPLAY AT LE

BOURGET AIRPORT. (NOTE: AEROTRAIN NOT NOW IN OPERATION AT ORLEANS. HIGH-SPEED MODEL ON DISPLAY AT LA BOURGET HAS JUST BEEN BUILT AND WILL BE TRANSPORTED FOLLOWING DAY TO ORLEANS WHERE WILL MAKE FIRST RUN ONLY IN ABOUT ONE MONTH.)

EVENING--FREE

AUGUST 28

MORNING--FREE

1 PM--LUNCHEON AT ORLY AIRPORT OFFERED BY SOCIETE DES ENGIN MATRA. IF LAGARDERE, PRESIDENT OF MATRA, OR PONS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ARE NOT AVAILABLE, QUETTARD, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL PROGRAMS AT MATRA, WILL HOST.

3 PM--VISIT MATRA'S ARAMIS PRT PROTOTYPE AT ORLY TEST TRACK.

5 PM--RETURN TO ORLY AIR TERMINAL FOR DEPARTURE TO MUNICH.

2. FOREGOING PROGRAM BASED LARGELY ON SUGGESTIONS PHONED BY SULLIVAN OF UMTA WHICH WE PASSED ON TO LACARRIERE. LATTER INDICATES THAT TRANSPORT MINISTRY WOULD BE PLEASED INCLUDE OTHER EXPERTS AT AUGUST 24 AM MEETING IF DESIRED, BUT LACARRIERE IS OF OPINION FELIX AND GIBLIN ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON ALL TOPICS LIKELY TO BE OF INTEREST TO HERRINGER PARTY. BOTH FELIX AND GIBLIN HAVE VISITED US AND ARE KNOWN TO DOT STAFF. THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM THROUGHOUT.

3. EMBASSY PARTICIPANT WILL BE WILLIAM F. MILLER, INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, WHO WILL MEET ON ARRIVAL AND SERVE AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT.

4. LACARRIERE ADDS THAT THERE WILL DOUBTLESS BE OPPORTUNITY IN COURSE OF VISIT TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIAL TOPICS IN WHICH HERRINGER AND OTHERS OF PARTY ARE INTERESTED BUT WHICH ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN ABOVE PROGRAM. LACARRIERE FEELS AND WE AGREE WOULD BE ERROR TO OVERSCHEDULE AND HE HAS THUS BEEN GUIDED ACCORDINGLY IN DRAWING UP PROGRAM.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER FOREGOING SUGGESTED PROGRAM MEETS WITH HERRINGER'S APPROVAL SO THAT WE CAN IN TURN INFORM LACARRIERE WHO ANXIOUS FIRM UP ARRANGEMENTS. STONE

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